

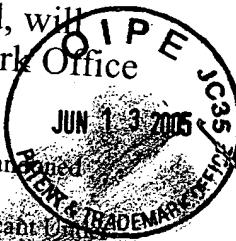


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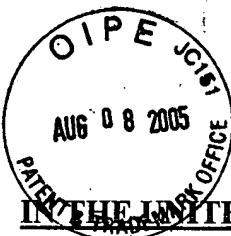
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Serial No.: 09/910,432

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REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B)

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Sir:

This paper responds to an Office Communication issued on September 17, 2004 for the above-referenced case. This paper is being submitted as a reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) and accompanies a *Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally*, which is filed concurrently herewith.

In the Office Communication of September 17, 2004, the Examiner requested Applicants to select one of the four following branching groups:

1. G_{n1}R_{n2} with n₁ = an integer from about 0 to about 20, and n₂ = an odd integer from about 5 – 25.
2. G_p-RGRDDRRQRRR-G_q
3. G_p-YGRKKRRQRRR-G_q, wherein the subscripts p and q are independently an integer of from 0 to 20, and

4. Any positively charged fragment of HIV TAT that is not listed in 1, 2, or 3 above, wherein each non-identical fragment represents a patentably distinct positively charged branching group.

In response, Applicants elect the species corresponding to number 2 (i.e., the positively charged branching group corresponding to Gp-RGRDDRRQRRR-Gq). Applicants respectfully assert that this election is fully responsive to the Office Communication of September 17, 2004. Accordingly, revival of this application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

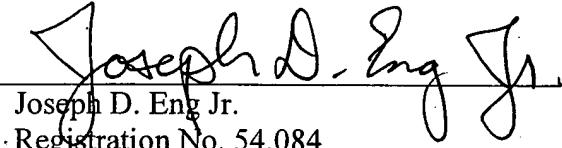
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this reply to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4649-4006US1. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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